

IN THE CLAIMS:

Attached hereto as Appendix 1 is a copy of the pending claims. Attached hereto as Appendix 2 is a copy of the amendments made to the claims.

I. Remarks

After entry of the amendment, claims 61-65 and 70-72 are pending.

Claims 35-60 and 66-69 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to this subject matter.

Claim 62 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 61. Claim 65 has been editorially amended.

Claims 70-72 are supported by original claims 61-65 and the specification, at for example, page 47, lines 20-24; page 48 lines 7-23 and page 52, lines 11-13.

No issues of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

I. Related U.S. Patent No. 6,306,841

Applicants would like to bring the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent No. 6,306,841 entitled "Treatment of Female Sexual Dysfunction," a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix 3. Claim 1 of U. S. Patent No. 6,306,841 recites:

A method for treating sexual dysfunction in a female individual, comprising administering to the vagina, vulvar area and/or urethra of the individual a pharmaceutical formulation that comprises an effective amount of a nitrovasodilator selected from the group consisting of sodium nitroprusside, diazenium diolates, molsidomine, linsidomine chlorohydrate, S-nitrosothiols, organic nitrates, pharmacologically acceptable salts, esters, analogs, derivatives, prodrugs and inclusion complexes of any of the foregoing, and combinations thereof. (Emphasis added)

The PTO in issuing U.S. Patent 6,306,841 with claims directed to methods for treating female sexual dysfunctions (e.g. female impotence) using S-nitrosothiol compounds has